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### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

### **Listing of Claims**

1-23 (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) A multiwell cell growth apparatus comprising a multiwell filter plate and a feeding plate,

said multiwell filter plate having a multiplicity of wells extending from the plate, each of said wells comprising (a) a hollow member having two openings and extending from said plate and (b) a permeable barrier secured about said lower opening,

~~[one or more first access holes for accessing a liquid in said feeding plate,~~  
said feeding plate having one well to accommodate said multiplicity of wells of the filter plate, and

wherein said multiwell filter plate has one or more first access holes for introducing and removing a liquid into and from said feeding plate and further comprising a series of second access holes in the filter plate located adjacent the wells for recovering liquid from said feeding plate.

- 25. (Canceled)
- 26. (Canceled)
- 27. (Canceled)
- 28. (Canceled)
- 29. (Canceled)
- 30. (Canceled)
- 31. (Canceled)
- 32. (Canceled)
- 33. (Canceled)
- 34. (Canceled)
- 35. (Canceled)
- 36. (Canceled)

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37. (Canceled)

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently amended) A multiwell cell growth apparatus comprising a multiwell filter plate and a feeding plate,  
said multiwell filter plate having a multiplicity of wells extending from the plate, each of said wells comprising (a) a hollow member having two openings and extending from said plate and (b) a microporous filter secured about said lower opening,  
one or more first access holes formed in the filter plate for ~~[accessing]~~introducing and removing  
a liquid into and from said feeding plate,  
said feeding plate having one well to accommodate said filter plate.

40. (Currently amended) A multiwell cell growth apparatus comprising a multiwell filter plate and a feeding plate,  
said multiwell filter plate having a multiplicity of wells extending from the plate, each of said wells comprising (a) a hollow member having two openings and extending from said plate and (b) a microporous filter secured about said lower opening,  
one or more first access holes formed in the filter plate for ~~[accessing]~~introducing and removing  
a liquid into and from said feeding plate,  
a multiplicity of second access holes in the filter plate and arranged to be adjacent to and in the same number as the wells of the filter plate,  
said feeding plate having one well to accommodate said filter plate.

41. (Currently amended) A multiwell cell growth apparatus comprising a multiwell filter plate and a feeding plate,  
said multiwell filter plate having 96 wells extending from the plate, each of said wells comprising (a) a hollow member having two openings and extending from said plate and (b) a microporous filter secured about said lower opening,  
one or more first access holes formed in the filter plate for ~~[accessing]~~introducing and removing  
a liquid into and from said feeding plate,

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96 second access holes in the filter plate and arranged to be adjacent to the wells of the filter plate,

said feeding plate having one well to accommodate said filter plate.

42. (Previously presented) A multiwell cell growth apparatus comprising a multiwell filter plate and a feeding plate,

said multiwell filter plate having a multiplicity of wells extending from the plate, each of said wells comprising (a) a hollow member having two openings and extending from said plate and (b) a microporous filter secured about said lower opening,

one or more first access holes formed in the filter plate for introducing and removing a liquid into and from said feeding plate,

a multiplicity of second access holes in the filter plate and arranged to be adjacent to and in the same number as the wells of the filter plate,

said feeding plate having one well to accommodate said filter plate.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Canceled)

45. (Canceled)

46. (Canceled)

47 (New) A multiwell cell growth apparatus comprising a multiwell filter plate and a feeding plate,

said multiwell filter plate having a multiplicity of wells extending from the plate, each of said wells comprising (a) a hollow member having two openings and extending from said plate and (b) a permeable barrier secured about said lower opening,

one or more first access holes for introducing and removing a liquid into and from said feeding plate, and

said feeding plate having one well to accommodate said multiplicity of wells of the filter plate.